Bar Hill News

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Refurbished Village Hall Now Booking For October

Want to book the Village Hall for a party or event? Well now you can.

We are now taking bookings for our superb newly refurbished and extended Village Hall. The main hall is now much larger and still opens up into the small hall. The kitchen has moved to the other side of the small hall with a large serving hatch opening between the two. If you would like to book the hall for a party or any event we are now taking bookings for dates from 1st October 2006 onwards.

Please phone Helen Gordon on 789047 to book.

Advance Notice Village Fete Saturday 1st July on the Village Green

It will start at 2pm and go on into the evening, ending around 10pm.
This year there will once again be a large selection of stalls and fundraising events from Village Groups.
There will be displays in the Arena, to include; Thai kickboxing, Clowns, and Puppet Shows.
On the stage there will be singing, magic show and in the evening live bands.

All events are subject to confirmation.

If you have any ideas or would like to be involved, either as an individual or as a group please contact Bunty on 01954 201421 or Kirsten on 01954 200228.

Litter Picking Day Saturday 8th April

Your chance to make Bar Hill that bit cleaner and tidier.

If you would like to join in with this annual spring-clean please come to the Parish Council office (next to the Octagon) at 10am and collect litter picking sticks.

Copy date for the next issue is 15th April to Martin Avery at bhneditor@yahoo.com or see page 2 for other contact details

Bar Hill Residents' Association

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The objectives of the Association are to act as an intermediary between the Residents and other parties, to keep Residents informed of matters of importance and recreation in and around the Village, and to promote the interests of Bar Hill. Opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily those of the Association.

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Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor,

I refer to the introduction of 'free' concessionary bus travel for pensioners.

I am reliably informed by SCDC and other sources that the present 'half' fare of £1.25 return from Bar Hill to Cambridge city will increase by 44% to £1.80 upon introduction of the 'free' travel concession.

Such 'Smoke and Mirrors' deception are an accepted way of life from central government. It is a sad day when such a scandalous act of chicanery is perpetrated upon the pensioners of SCDC by their local elected representatives.

I invite all south Cambridge pensioners to remember this act of treachery when these individuals next come touting for your support and vote

Colin Macer, Bar Hill Pensioner

Dear Sir,

Would the spiteful person who stole my 5 year old son's bike from outside our house in The Spinney, please have the good grace to return it.

Yours
D Samujh

Sir,

Last October Atkins held an exhibition of its proposals for a development on the western edge of the village in Bar Hill Church. The exhibition attracted almost 170 people and we were delighted that over 75% of the comments that we received were supportive of the scheme, subject, of course, to the provision of the new link road and A14 improvements. The scheme would have included 100 affordable homes for Bar Hill and Lolworth residents, new sports pitches and employment opportunities and the creation of a second access to the village.

Regrettably, however, following representations made by Bar Hill and Lolworth Parish Councils and your local District Councillors, South Cambridgeshire District Council resolved to downgrade Bar Hill from the "Growth Centre" designation received under Local Plan 2 and the "Rural Centre" status agreed by the Council last year to what is known as a "Minor Rural Centre". This effectively prohibits the building of anything more than a handful of new houses (the only realistic source of funding for additional village infrastructure and other "planning gain") for the next 10 years – and even those would need to be built inside the perimeter road where there is no land available suitable for development.

Although Atkins could have pursued its case through the forthcoming Local Inquiry, the cost of doing so would be very substantial and, in the absence of support from the Parish Council and local Councillors, the chances of success are severely curtailed.

We are all extremely disappointed by this outcome, believing that the village is missing a vital opportunity to address and rectify some of the major issues that it faces – to provide a significant number of affordable homes for Bar Hill and Lolworth villagers; to provide better sports and recreational facilities for the village; to help address the rapidly-falling school roll; and to provide the much-needed second access to the village.

I therefore wanted to let residents know that Atkins has reluctantly decided to withdraw its proposals.

Yours sincerely,
Iain Vellacott
Community Relations Consultant
to Atkins Property Developments

JOTTINGS FROM YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

NEW TOWN PROPOSALS, NOT HERE THANK YOU

The Town and Country Planning Association have challenged the current development strategy for the Cambridge Sub Region and are proposing two major new towns of at least 25,000 homes each to be built to the north and south of Cambridge respectively. One, they say, could be located as a cluster of major developments associated with the already planned new town at Northstowe (8,000 homes) and the other could be adjacent to the M11 at Duxford. They say this is necessary to meet the long-term expansion of the economy and future demands up to 2021 and beyond.

I roundly condemn what I call unrealistic and disruptive proposals for new towns from this national planning association. These fanciful suggestions have no basis in the reality of the situation in the Cambridge sub-region. If they were introduced, they would hold out the prospect of disruption and chaos for years to come, with no obvious benefit.

AWARD WINNING PARK & RIDE

Cambridge's award winning Park & Ride service has just scooped the prestigious Charter Mark award for excellence in customer service for the third time in a row. The service, which carries more than 1.6 million passengers every year, impressed the independent judges with its commitment to customer satisfaction.

The Charter mark standard for customer service excellence is a very challenging one to meet. We take customer service very seriously as it is by providing a high quality service that will attract more people to use public transport. Park and Ride has been a successful partnership and we are working hard to continue to improve it.

MORE REGIONAL BEAURCRACY

Yes, we are now in for more regionalisation, thanks to the Home Office who has announced more amalgamation under the banner of efficiency. This, we are told, will cost the six east of England counties over £100 million and erode accountability. It is disgraceful that reorganisations of constitutional significance are being driven through in a period of months. The Prime Minister said that police force amalgamations would not be forced through, but because police authorities have rejected mergers, this is exactly what the Home Secretary is now doing. Regional forces will cost millions, erode local accountability and further tighten the Home Secretary's central control of the police.

£15.5 MILLION CASH BOOST FOR TRANSPORT

The County Council has secured £15.5 million cash boost to provide vital transport measures needed to cope with future housing in the Cambridge area. The money is part of a larger £22 million grant announced by Government for a raft of projects to support housing growth in Cambridgeshire, but will continue to push for more funds to provide the essential transport measures needed for the thousands of homes due to be built. Funding awarded supports projects like the; £3.1m for a new Road Park and Ride site off the A10 near Milton, £3.25m Milton Road/Cowley Road Junction Improvements to ease congestion, £6.89m Addenbrooke's Access, £1.55m Riverside Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge First new bridge over the River Cam for 40 years to

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link housing north of the river to commercial and retail, £0.8m Northstowe Area Footpath and Cycleway Network Pedestrian and cycling facilities linking Northstowe to the existing rights of way and cycle networks.

The Cowley Road schemes and Addenbrooke's Access Road projects will see a real benefit for residents in reducing congestion and providing better access to public transport. These and the Riverside Bridge schemes are vital facilities needed for the thousands of new residents expected to be living in and around Cambridge. The project to link the proposed Northstowe development to the existing cycle and footpath network will help to encourage people to avoid using the car and enjoy the local environment and healthier lifestyles.

COUNCIL TAX INCREASE KEPT TO 5%

Despite what has been described as 'the most difficult financial settlement for many years,' Cambridgeshire County Council has approved its budget for the year ahead keeping the council tax increase to 5%. Currently only two County Councils across the country have a council tax lower than Cambridgeshire's. Whilst the 5%increase was higher than we would have liked, going below this would have done untold damage to many of the Council's services that people depend on daily. Government grant increase of 2.1% for next year is one of the lowest in England, well below what is required to maintain essential services.

Cambridgeshire faces particular pressures many of which result from it being the fastest growing county in the country. Increasing numbers of older people requiring help and support are well above the national average. Traffic growth is similarly well above the average, putting a strain on our overcrowded roads. It would be reasonable to expect factors such as these leading to more resources for Cambridgeshire rather than seeing money diverted to other parts of the country. We have only been able to keep the council tax increase down to 5% by our continuing programme of reducing back-office costs and overheads. There will unfortunately be cuts to many services and we will be working hard to minimise the impact these will have.

I am available for consultation, either in person or by phone, letter or e-mail. I can be reached at the address or telephone number below.

John Reynolds
4 Hollytrees
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john.reynolds@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

FARLEY THE PUPPY 'EMBARKS' ON NEW CAREER

Update on Farley the guide dog puppy

Hi everyone do you remember me; I am the little black Labrador puppy who used to live with Grandma and Granddad (Diana & John) in Bar Hill. I have grown up now, and I have been at the training Centre in North London for past eight months. I have passed all my exams; will be with my new owner soon. I just hope she will love me as much as my beloved John and Diana do.

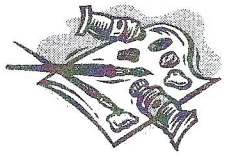
Since arriving in London I have been very good and learnt nearly everything I need to know, so I am going to go to my new blind owner. For two weeks I will stay in a hotel with my new owner and my trainer so that my new owner and I can get to know each other. Then for two more weeks my trainer and I will stay at my new owner's house so that I can learn all about my work.

My owner lives in South London and is a very busy person; she goes out a lot and even uses the underground during rush hour. My trainer has been specially teaching me about this, I enjoy the crowds and make sure I push my way into the carriage safely. My trainer says I am very good and calm when I cross the busy London streets, I know all about crossing places and I don't mind the noise and rush at all. My trainer says I am a very special clever boy.

I met my new owner and her 2 teenage sons two weeks ago when I visited them for the weekend. I loved them all; the boys took me out into their big garden to play, which was great fun. My new owner has had guide dogs before so she knows exactly how to treat me so I am really looking forward to living with them. I will miss my trainer Paula because during the week I have lived with her in her flat when I am not busy working, I have a lovely soft round sheepskin rug to sleep on.

At weekends I have been staying with a couple that have made sure I had plenty of rest and plenty of fun. Now I am going to my new owner I won't be going there any more, so when they brought me back to my trainer for the last time they cried. I was sad too but I have worked hard learning all my lessons and am looking forward to my new life. I meant to be a very good loyal friend and I hope my little friend Hayes who now lives with Grandma and Granddad will try as hard as I have to be a special hardworking boy.

Love and licks from Farley



Women's Art and Craft Afternoon

On Saturday 22nd April from 2.00 to 4.30pm there will be a chance to explore an area of art, craft or cake decorating in the church and Octagon.

This event is being run by the church and you can choose from one of the following seven activities: sugar craft, scrap booking, flower arranging, card making, painting a simple watercolour, parchment craft, and glass and china painting.

Spaces for each activity are limited to six per group and you will be led step by step through your chosen craft. No experience required - just a desire to explore and have a bit of fun.

The cost of the afternoon is £5.00. This includes any material needed for your chosen activity as well as a cream tea in the middle.

To book a place phone either Joy Childs on 782925 or Emily Lewney on 204433. Places are on a first come, first served basis.

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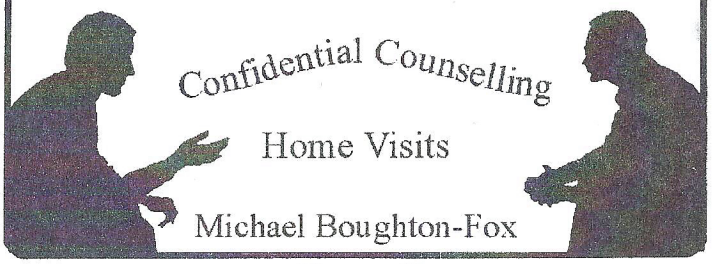

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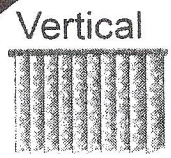
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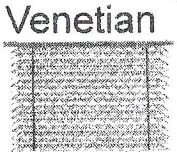
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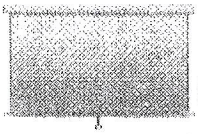
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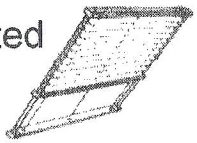
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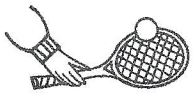

Bar Hill Tennis Club

REFURBISHMENT OF TENNIS COURTS NOW COMPLETE!

In November 2005, we completed the refurbishment of the two tennis courts and now have a brand new playing surface to play on. You will see that the perimeter fence has also been repaired.

Thanks to The Bar Hill Parish Council, South Cambs District Council and The Residents' Association for their generous financial contributions and thanks to DOE Sport for undertaking the work.

We encourage all current, lapsed and new members to come along and play on the courts! Please encourage your family, neighbours and friends to come down to our club social nights to play some tennis. We welcome players of **all** abilities. An excellent way to keep fit and enjoy the summer evenings in a relaxed and friendly environment.

We hope to see you down at the courts at some point - We got the courts re-surfaced so we may as well make good use of them!!!

Court Timetable:

Mondays 3rd April- 19th June: 6-9 pm Men's League & Practice
Tuesday & Thursdays 18th Apr- 28th Sept: 7-9 pm Adult Club Social Nights
Wednesdays May-July: 6-8 pm Junior sessions
Thursdays Summer Term: 1:30-3 pm Bar Hill Primary School
Generally, there will be free use of the courts to all members outside of these times.

Annual Subscriptions:

These become due from 1st April 2006. We have kept the subs at the same price as last season so you can all enjoy the new courts at no extra cost!
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· Wimbledon Tickets:
We will have 3 pairs of tickets to the Wimbledon Championships that we offer at cost value to paid up members:
Centre Court: Tues 27 June & Fri 7th July (Men's Semis) & **No 1 Court**: Sat 1 July
Draw takes place on 25th May at 7 pm at the club courts. Please indicate below if you wish to enter the draw and indicate if there any dates that you cannot manage on.

- There will be free, public access to the courts during the weekends of the Wimbledon fortnight (1, 2, 8 & 9th July from 10-5pm).
- If you require discounted tennis rackets, please contact Mike Potter on 01954 781 148

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Please feel free to contact us if you have any queries or comments.

Sports and Social Club

I have been asked to write this month's entry for the Bar Hill News, as Andy is away on his honeymoon. So I will start by saying on behalf of the Bar Hill Sports & Social Club congratulations to Andy & Carol who got married on 4th March 2006, Good Luck to you both.

The refurbishment is well underway now and firm plans are being made now for the interior of the new club. At present we cannot confirm the date we will be in the new building, but we should know more by next month.

Congratulations to Peter who won £475 in February on the membership draw. April's membership draws will be on Saturday 1st, 15th & 29th and remember you can only win if you are present and have your yellow membership card with you.

Other entertainment is booked for the next few months, so please see posters in the Club for further information.

Jo Clark (Secretary)

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Friends of Bar Hill Library

Our local policeman, Kevin Misik, came to give a talk to the friends during the afternoon of 21st February. It was very well attended and Kevin was very informative. We were encouraged to sign up to the new 'e-cops' which quite a number of us did. Do you want to communicate with your local policing team? Do you want to know what is happening in your local area? Would you like to receive regular crime and community information that is local to YOU!? Then sign up at www.cambs.police.uk/signup/ecops/

The March coffee morning was very busy, with quite a number of new members joining.

Mr Alan Choat, the Toastmaster, will be speaking to the friends during the afternoon of 14th March. A report of this event will appear in the next issue of BH News.

The Cambridgeshire Family History Society will be in the library to help people with their research. 10am - 5pm also on the 14th March.

The book sales are on alternate months on the first Saturday, the next sale will be on 1st April 10am - 12 noon.

The coffee mornings are held every month on the 1st Thursday. The next is 6th April. All are welcome.

To be appraised of forthcoming events please see our notice board just inside the library. Some events are arranged at short notice which doesn't give us time to advertise them in the BH News.

Bar Hill Parish Council
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(Near the Health Centre and Octagon)
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E-mail: barhillpc-1@freenet.co.uk

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Cambridgeshire County Council (damaged roads and paths):	01223 717111

Litter Picking Day

Don't forget our Litter Picking Day will be on Saturday 8th April 2006. If you would like to join in please come to the Parish Council office at 10am and collect litter picking sticks.

Footpaths

I have had communication from the County Council informing us that they will be spending up to £30,000 this year on repairing footpaths within the village. You may have seen the yellow painted marks on the paths and this is where they will be doing the work. Hopefully not too much inconvenience will occur but I am sure you will all agree, this work is very welcome.

Parish Council Website

Please note our new website address is as follows: barhillpc.org.uk. This will keep you up to date on current affairs in the village including meeting minutes and agendas.

Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th April at 7.00pm in the Parish Council Office Meeting Room. The public is very welcome to attend this meeting. Also our Annual Parish Meeting is being held on Thursday 27th April in the Octagon. If you wish to attend, please feel free to do so.

Leigh Baffa
Parish Clerk
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News From The School

BAR HILL PRIMARY AT CUTTING EDGE OF ICT

Bar Hill Primary School is one of the first schools in the UK to receive the prestigious new ICT Mark. The new quality mark recognises schools who can demonstrate they use information and communications technology to support all learners and all school activities.

The ICT Mark is awarded by BECTA the British Educational Communications and Technology Agency - and recognises the school's success in developing a strategic approach to its use of ICT across the whole school.

This builds upon and will eventually replace the NAACEmark (National Association of Advisors for Computers in Education), which the school already holds. In order to gain the new award, the school had to demonstrate that in addition to meeting the criteria set for Naacemark, they met criteria focusing on pupils' progress in ICT capability, the impact of ICT on attitudes and behaviour and pupils' progress.

John Reynolds

Bar Hill THE RAY STATION Out of School Club

SPARC Building, Gladeside
Tel 07957 572653 During Club hours

We are situated in a purpose built building adjacent to the School, with direct access from the playground.

We provide Childcare for children aged 4-11 in a safe and caring home from home environment, with trained and experienced staff to care for them.

Our sessions provide the children with a wide range of activities from pool to computer games, dressing up to craft activities and lots more or if they wish they can chill out on our comfy sofas. We are also able to use the safe environment of the school playground for our many outdoor activities.

During the holidays we have themed activities, which the children are involved in choosing, as they are with many other issues, such as outings etc - as it is their Club, they even chose its name.

The children are given a snack e.g. pasta, filled pittas etc, followed by a biscuit and fresh fruit. We also make birthday cakes to celebrate each child's birthday, which are shared.

We are registered with OFSTED, which enables parents who are eligible for Working Families Tax Credit, to claim up to 70% of their childcare costs.

We also accept vouchers from the many schemes where the childcare costs are taken out of parents wages before they pay tax or national insurance, which also saves money.

Session Times

After School
3.10pm – 6pm Monday – Friday
School Holidays
8.15am – 6pm Monday – Friday
Closed on Bank Holidays

Hiring

Our large room is available for hire for parties and meetings etc.
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For further information, an information pack, to arrange a visit or to hire the building, please call Patsie on 201079 or 07921 541549.

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Did you know that there is help for anyone with sight problems?
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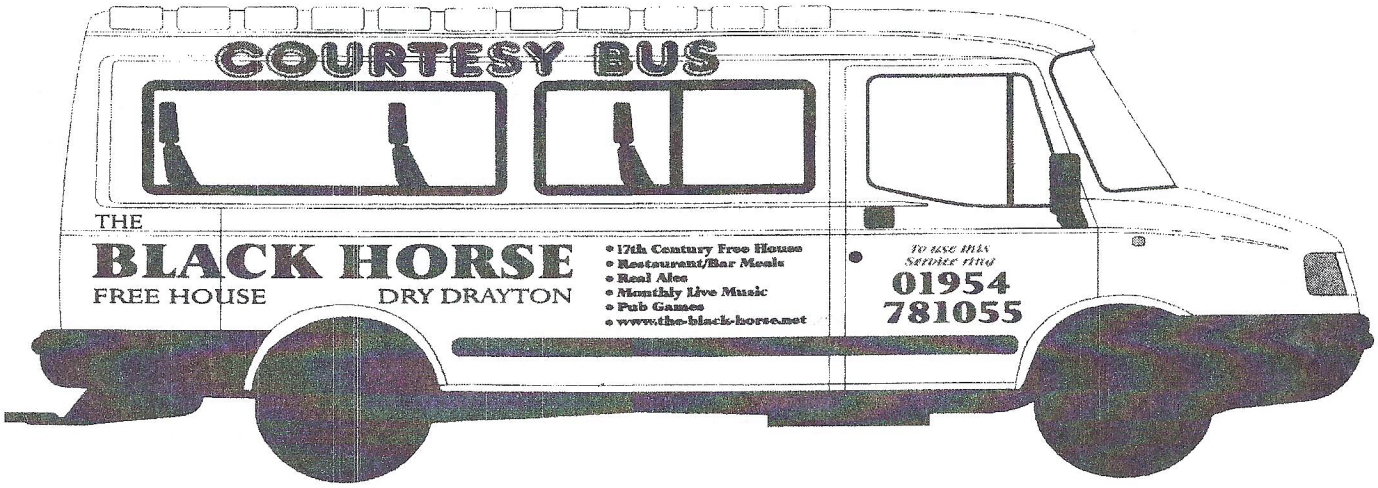

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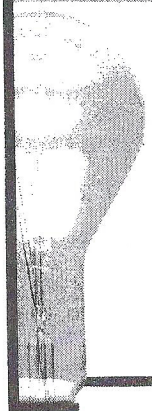

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We have received an excellent OFSTED report including an Aspect of Outstanding Practise in Special Needs, please do come in and view our report.

We are currently pursuing a Quality Assurance accreditation to improve our already very high standard.

We offer your child the essential opportunities of **LEARNING THROUGH PLAY**. As members of the P.L.A (Pre-school Learning Alliance) we work to the guidelines required by OFSTED. All planning ensures the curriculum for the foundation stage and provides for each child according to age and ability.

SESSION TIMES

Monday	9.00-11.30am	
Tuesday	9.00-11.30am	12.30-3.00pm
Including "**Storymakers**" in the afternoon		
Wednesday	9.00-11.30am	12.30-3.00pm
Thursday	9.30-11.30am Kidz AM with Belinda	
Friday	9.00-11.30am including P.E. Session	

Lunch club available 11.30-12.30

SUBSIDISED PLACES

We can offer a reduced rate to families if required.

Under the Early Funding Scheme (EYFS) we can offer five free sessions when your child becomes eligible. (The term after your child's third birthday).

KIDZ A.M. with *Belinda*

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DIARY DATES

Disco on Friday 28th April and Friday 26th May 2006 with 'Disco Dave'
6.15-7.15 for pre-school, reception, years 1 & 2 £1.50 includes drinks and biscuits
7.30-9.00 years 3-7 £2.00 admission. Hot-dogs and drinks on sale.
Tickets available from Sunshine or pay on the door.

To book sessions please phone 01954 789099 and speak to Jayne or Tina

Dry Drayton Art Group

invite you to an
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DAVID HYDE
Thursday 27th April 2006
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(David Hyde is a local artist and he will demonstrate a wildlife study in acrylics)
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Little Acorns Pre-School

Little Acorns is a privately owned, non-profit making, pre-school.

We are situated in the meetings room (next door to the main church building). All of the staff are qualified Nursery Nurses./teachers.

We are open every day, morning and afternoon, during school term time. (9.15-11.45 am and 12.30-3pm) There is a lunch club every day from 12 noon.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons are especially designed for children in the year before they start school and have a slightly different structure to our other sessions, including cookery, PE, woodwork and music sessions.

Children are welcome to attend from age two and a half.

Parents may choose to help at sessions during our "bring your Mum or Dad to Acorns "weeks, which are very popular.

Mini acorns, is available for children from age 2- 2 1/2. This is a small session with no more than 8 children, two afternoons per week, to provide a calm , secure environment which helps children to get ready for big pre-school .Please telephone if you would like more information.

We offer a "places for all policy", whereby we subsidize or give free places to families in need. Annually we ensure that at least three or four children are able to access good quality preschool education through this scheme. Please enquire about this.

Squirrels is open on a Wednesday afternoon in the Octagon 1.30 -3pm and is a drop in play session for all under 5's and their parents/carers. Please come along to any session, there is a small charge per session to cover running costs and refreshments.

For more information / a prospectus/ a registration form / a copy of our OFSTED report or to arrange a visit, please telephone **Sally on 201074.**

Coffee and Kids

Run by Bar Hill Childminders

On Thursday at the meeting room at the church 10.00 - 11.30. £1.50 for adults no charge for children. Price includes drinks & biscuits. We have a large range of indoor and outside toys.

District Councillors' Reports

It's not all bad news.....

In recent months, South Cambridgeshire District Council has attracted what is usually called a 'bad press'. Much of this has been attributable to the Council's failure to promote its many achievements, the irresponsibility of certain members and tabloid journalism in which headline-grabbing sound bites often contradict the substance of the articles below them.

The following is a list of the Council's recent achievements:

- South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) was the joint winner of the RTPI Planning Award for 2005 for the development of the Wellcome Trust Genomer Campus.
- The SCDC has been officially recognised as having 'the best local authority recycling initiative in the Waste Management and Recycling Awards for Excellence.
- The SCDC quarterly magazine (which is almost self-financing) has been short-listed in the East Anglian Pride Awards.
- The SCDC is one of the first councils nationwide to publicise food the safety inspection results of local restaurants on its website.
- The SCDC has been awarded a national Clean Air Silver Award for a smoke-free workplace
- The SCDC is second out of thirty districts across the country for the number of affordable homes completed in the district in recent years.
- For three years running, the SCDC Planning Policy team has received the maximum possible Planning Delivery Grant.
- The SCDC is among the top performers in local government for community and for tackling benefit fraud.
- The SCDC Council Tax, despite its recent increase, is the fifth lowest council tax of all district councils.
- The Audit Commission has concluded that the 'Council has clear ambitions for the District, focussing on the quality of life and delivering good services to local people'.

Roger Hall

POST OFFICE

The information at present is that the prospective sub-postmaster has submitted his Business Plan for the Post office to be sited in the Library: to date he has not heard back but I am sure he will soon. As I have stated before these things move slowly, hopefully next month I will have more news.

CONCESSIONARY BUS TRAVEL FOR OLDER AND DISABLED PEOPLE

From 1st April 2006, there will be some important changes to when and where you can use your bus pass.

The times when you can use your bus pass

Bus passes will not be accepted on buses before 9.30 am Mondays to Fridays, but you can use them at any time at weekends and on public holidays.

Bus journeys that can be made using a bus pass

Your bus pass will enable you to travel free of charge on any local bus service within the district where you live. If you wish to make a journey that goes out of your district, e.g. St Ives or Ely to Cambridge, you will be charged a flat fare of £1.00 single or £1.80 return to cover the cost of that journey. It is likely that, for some trips in and out of Cambridge and Peterborough, it will be less expensive to buy one of Stagecoach's discounted adult tickets, for example a £2.70 Dayrider ticket for £1.35.

If you need to travel out of your district and then make a further journey wholly outside your district, e.g. people travelling from St Ives to Cambridge and then onto Addenbrookes Hospital, you will need to purchase a concessionary Multibus ticket, at a cost of £3.00, from the driver of the first bus which you catch and this will cover you for all subsequent journeys on that day. Again, for some trips in and out of Cambridge and Peterborough, it will be less expensive to buy one of Stagecoach's discounted adult tickets, for example a £2.70 Dayrider ticket for £1.35.

Out of county journeys

The following places in our neighbouring counties will be included in the flat fare system. These are Bedford, Market Deeping, Kings Lynn, Newmarket, Royston, Haverhill, Saffron Walden, Stamford and Walsoken. All other out of county journeys will be charged at the full adult fare. This means that Cambridge to Bedford and Peterborough or Wisbech to King's Lynn will come under the £1.80 flat fare system, but the pass holder will need to pay the full adult fare for a journey from Cambridge to Oxford or Peterborough or Wisbech to Norwich.

Park and Ride

Cambridge City pass holders will be able to travel free of charge on the Cambridge Park and Ride services. Pass holders from all other districts will be charged the full adult fare to travel on Park and Ride.

New passes

New colour coded passes are being produced to help bus drivers to distinguish which districts pass holders come from. These new passes will not be available straight away, so the old passes will be extended until the new ones are ready. There will be notices in the press and on the buses, advising you of when to collect your new coloured pass.

Dial-a-Ride services

Cambridge City, East Cambridgeshire, Huntingdonshire and Peterborough councils all fund reduced price travel on dial a ride services. Please check with your dial a ride scheme when you book.

Please remember always to have your bus pass and photocard with you whenever you board a bus, otherwise you will be asked to pay the full fare.

These changes are the result of the announcement by central government that free concessionary bus travel would be available for over 60's and disabled people from 1 April 2006. Any wider extension of the scheme in the future will be dependent on funding from central government. The district and City councils have worked together and with bus operators and Cambridgeshire County Council to provide a scheme that can be funded by all the partners and gives Cambridgeshire residents the best affordable deal.

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World Thinking Day

World Thinking Day is celebrated on 22nd February every year by girl guides and girl scouts all around the world. It marks the birthdays of our founders Lord and Lady Baden Powell and is the day when we think about each other and often do international activities and raise money for units in countries which are not so well off as ourselves. This year, we celebrated Thinking Day as a District in Bar Hill Church. The girls did activities from 5 different countries and also ate food from these countries. The evening finished with a small service to think about Rainbows, Brownies and Guides in other countries. The girls also brought along pennies which will be sent to the World Thinking Day Fund.

Guides 10-14 years

Congratulations to Sammi Williams!

The Guides are celebrating the successful selection of Sammi Williams for the 2007 World Jamboree, this will be the 100th Anniversary of the founding of Scouts and for the first time the world jamboree will be held in the Uk, the event will consist 18,000 scouts and guides from all over the world, Due to the special nature of this camp participants may only attend if selected. You will be hearing more from Sammi as she tries to raise the £1000 needed for her to attend, with various fundraising events during the coming year and quarter.

Brownies 7-10 years

1st (Thursday) Brownies raised money with a sponsored silence for Guide Dogs for the Blind. 2nd (Tuesday) Brownies have had a Fair Trade Evening when they learnt about Fair Trade and Claire Ford kindly brought along her Traidcraft stall and parents and girls raised 44.52 through this. They also paid £1.00 not to wear their uniform and this money will be sent to Oxfam. They have had a ball games evening and did Australian activities for World Thinking Day on February 22nd.

Rainbows 5-7 years

Rainbows have been working hard on their Rainbow Roundabouts. 2nd (Wednesday) Rainbows have had a Welsh evening for St David's Day and have celebrated Chinese New year. 1st (Monday) Rainbows have also had a Mexican evening.

1st Bar Hill Rainbows – Monday....

We'll be having another jumble sale on 20th May at Bar Hill church. Donations of jumble and help very welcome. Sammi Williams will also be having a cake stall to help raise money for the World Jamboree.

Come on – Join the Fun!

Claire Cook
District Commissioner
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Bar Hill Pre-School Playgroup

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Sessions Times

9.00 – 11.30 Mon-Fri
11.30 – 12.15 Lunch Club
Entry via the Community Lounge door.
For more information about our sessions please phone Sonya on 07754433981.

Rising 5's session

This session is for children in their final year of Pre-School education. The session offers children a more structured session preparing them for school entry.

Early Years Funding

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We can also offer reduced session rates for parents/carers on Income Support/ Working Tax Credit.

Places

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Play Tots Session

1.30 – 3.00 Tuesday
We offer lots of fun and activities for tots from babies up to pre-school.
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Drinks and fruit are provided.
Entry via the Community Lounge door.

Happy Hours The recycled youth club

By the time you receive this month's magazine, we will be looking forward to the Easter holidays, and hopefully some more Spring like weather. Enjoy your Easter break.

During mid February the Church Council arranged for the floor of the Octagon to be skimmed, varnished, and repolished This has made the room more comfortable, and we do appreciate the improvements the Church Council continue to make to the centre,

Committee Dinner.

On Wednesday 8th. March the Committee of the Club, held their Annual Dinner, at the Black Horse at Dry Drayton. I understand that this was an extremely good meal, enjoyed by all those present.

Raffles.

The raffle held on Monday 27th February, raised the sum of £48.00 which has been donated to the charity MAGPAS. We thank our members for their continued support to such good causes. Our next raffle will be held on Monday 3rd. April.

Outings.

Our first outing of this year is being held on Wednesday 22nd March, when following coffee at Wisbech, we will call at The Olde Mill in the village of Upwell for lunch, followed by music and entertainment.

Holidays.

Our five day Valentines Holday to Eastboune, held in mid February, was a huge success. With bright mild weather for this time of the year, we were able to enjoy visits to Royal Tonbridge Wells, Worthing, and Alfriston. One of the high lights of the holiday was a trip on the Bluebell Railway, from their headquarters at Sheffield Park, through beautiful countryside, stopping at Horsted Keynes and on to Kingscote Station, where the engine was turned around to bring us back to Sheffield Park. Most of the staff are volunteers, and take a great pride in their 1940's style uniforms. On this occasion the driver happened to be a lady, dressed in the traditional uniform of an engine driver.

Our next holiday is for a six day visit to Folkestone and surrounding area, starting on Sunday 14th. May. More details next month.

Speaker.

On Monday 20th March, Mr. Dennis Teeban, is visiting the Club to give us a talk about books that he has written.

Village Fete.

The Village Fete is being held on Saturday 1st July, on the Village Green, and as usual, Happy Hours are hoping to have a stall.

Sickness.

I am sorry to say that Doris Short is still in hospital following her hip operation. Joan Platt has just undergone another operation on her knee. Barbara Lloyd has recently been in hospital, but is now recovering, and Iris Cakebread is also unwell. We send them our good wishes, and hope they soon regain their health. Terry and Ann Barnes are still a little house bound, and would welcome a call from any of their many friends.

Dennis Holt, 780948.

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The Friends of the Rosie raise money to buy the medical equipment that Addenbrooke's and the NHS does not provide. Please send a donation via our website at www.rosieinstitches.org.uk or send a cheque made payable to Friends of the Rosie to Mr D Sanders, 145 Gwydir Street, Cambridge, CB1 2LJ

Other ways you can help the Rosie are:

- By donating time instead of money - as a driver for our elderly knitters in return for an enjoyable day and lunch - having a basket of our toys and clothes to sell on our behalf.
- By enjoying a drink with biscuits whilst awaiting your appointment at the Rosie.
- Buying one of our hand-made items (see our selection of hand-made toys and clothes up to age 4 at the Tea Bar in the Rosie Outpatients).
- By helping serve in the Tea Bar.
- Visiting our large stall at Addenbrooke's Outpatients, or one of our small displays in the Breast Screening Clinic or Clinic 5 in Addenbrooke's, at Hackers Farm Shop in Dry Drayton and the Community Centre, Bassingbourn on Mondays between 2pm and 4pm.
- By donating wool and other craft materials.

We have a stall at Addenbrooke's Outpatients on 13th April, 15th and 30th May. We have a toy display in the Food Court on the first Friday of each month.

Addenbrooke's Open Day is on 20th May.

Avril and Jo would like to thank those Bar Hill residents that have already made a donation to our supplies, and we will continue to welcome donations of items for sale, wool and ribbons etc at 111 Hillcrest or 11 Almond Grove.

Thank you for your support in whatever way you can.

Avril Williams
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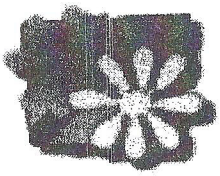

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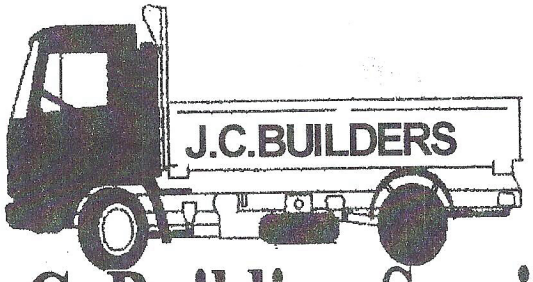

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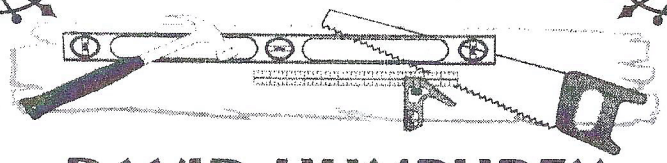

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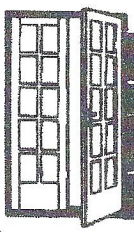

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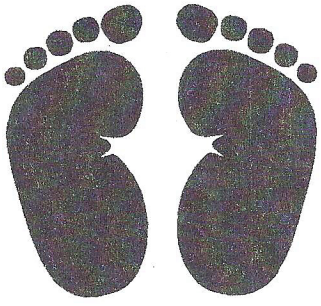

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Present vacancies

Lisa	full/part time	201160
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The Royal British Legion

Bar Hill Branch

At our February meeting a Buffet Supper was arranged for the 22nd April at 6.30 pm.

Members were sorry to hear that one of our members Mrs M Clark was in hospital - best wishes Margaret - get well soon.

Plans for the Fete were discussed: we will have a raffle for adults and a bran tub for children.

Next meeting will be on 23rd March in the Parish Council room at 7.30 pm.

Scribe: M Shubotham 781553.

Football Project

The pitch is being used regularly by the Colts and the 5-a-side league. The pitch is suitable for football and many other sporting activities such as mini tennis, hockey, bowls, volleyball or multi-sports - it's a great venue for birthday parties. If you wish to find out more about hiring the facility then contact our Bookings Secretary, Lisa Francis on 201160.

The officers of the Management Committee are:

Chairperson:	Jack Fleming
Vice-Chair:	Alan Hewings
Secretary:	Paul Thorby
Treasurer:	Jairo Marin

Bar Hill Babysitting Circle

Fancy the odd evening out?
Find it difficult to get a babysitter?

We are a group of Mums, run for Mums, operating a ticket payment system to swap evenings out. If you have time to offer to sit back for another parent, then this number is for you! Ring Avril on 782431 for details.

Bar Hill Conservatives

Saturday May 20th
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8 O'Clock Club

The 8 o'clock club is a women's group who meet in the school on the first Thursday of each month. We have a variety of speakers and outings.

If you would like to join or pay us a visit, please come along to one of our meetings or phone Barbara on 204171.

Barbara Page.

Post Office Facilities

Now that the Bar Hill Post Office has closed, while we await the negotiations which we hope will lead to alternative facilities becoming available, here is some information about other Post Office branches in the area.

The nearest Post Office with basic services is at 1 Robins Lane, **Lolworth** and is open from 9 to 1 Monday to Saturday. There is a public footpath across the field opposite the bus shelter near the park (between Viking Way and Oatlands Avenue). This Post Office does not issue Motor Vehicle Licences (Car Tax Discs). Dry Drayton and Madingley do not have Post Office branches.

Other Post Offices in nearby villages that are able to issue Car Tax Discs as well as basic Post Office services include:

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5 Market Street, **Swavesey** open from 9-12:30 and 2-5:30 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; 9-12:30 Wednesday and Saturday

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This information is believed to be correct, but if you wish to check any of this information or obtain details of services available at these and other branches please call **08457 223344**.

Editor

Easter Family Fun

On Tuesday 11th April from 2.00pm until 4.30pm in the Octagon

Why not come along and have fun as a family just before Easter?!

The activities are all based on an Easter theme and will include card making, cooking, crafts, Easter bonnets plus refreshments.

The afternoon is free and suitable to all ages. All children in year 4 and below must be accompanied by an adult. If a child in year 5 and up wishes to attend on their own they must get a permission slip in advance from Claire Thorby on 781527 or a parent must bring them along to sign them in.

Swavesey Camera Club Exhibition

Swavesey Camera Club is holding its inaugural exhibition on Saturday 22nd April in the memorial hall in Swavesey, from 10 am to 4 pm. Entry is free, so why not take the short trip to Swavesey and have a look?

The exhibition features:

- Displays of prints by members
- Slide shows
- Interactive demonstrations, including digital photo enhancing
- Photo competition
- Refreshments available
- Many of the prints in the exhibition will be available for sale. Additionally, there will be cards and other mounted prints available for sale.

The competition is particularly aimed at children in the area around Swavesey including Bar Hill. There are 3 classes – primary, secondary and open. Within each class, photos should be in one of the following categories:

1. Where I live; this should be a picture taken in or near your home village or town.
2. People
3. Action; a scene of some sort of sport, hobby, performance or other activity.
4. Creative; the emphasis should be on something different and original.

All prints should be a maximum size A4. On the reverse they should have the photographer's name, age (over 18s may state "adult"!), school (if applicable) and which category the print is being entered for. A title is preferred but not compulsory. Judging will be done by a committee of Swavesey Camera Club members. Certificates will be awarded for winner and runner up in each category in each class. From these an overall winner for each class will be selected for which a prize will be awarded.

Prints for competition can be sent or delivered to Simon Shore, 122, Boxworth End, Swavesey CB4 5RA. Prints can be collected from the exhibition on the afternoon of the show. Prints can only be returned by post if supplied with s.a.e.

Swavesey Camera Club currently has an active membership of over 40 drawn from Swavesey and the surrounding villages including Bar Hill. Members range from highly experienced photographers to novices. We meet every Thursday at 7:30 from September to May in the Lecture Room at Swavesey Village College. If you are interested, there will be lots of people from the club to talk to at the exhibition, or alternatively come along any Thursday evening.

For more details about the exhibition and the club, see our website: http://www.swavesey.org.uk/camera_club/start

Power Pals & Pick 'n Mix It

On Saturday 29th April 2.30pm to 5.00pm in the Church

Power Pals is a fun way to learn about Jesus for children in Reception, years 1 and 2. Cost £1.50. For an application form please contact Mel Stamp on 203554.

Pick n MIx It is for children in years 3 to 6 and includes activities such as craft, art, drama and dance which are all based on a Bible story or theme and ends in a short time of worship. Application forms are available from Claire Thorby on 781527.

Application forms can also be downloaded from the church website: www.barhillchurch.info.

The closing date for booking a place for both events is 26th April.

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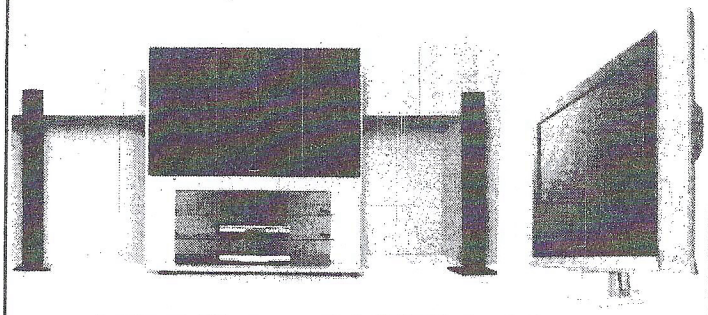
20th April: Planning (with cheese and wine) at: Bobby's

4th May: Talk by a representative from the Wood Green Animal Shelter at: Jennifer's

If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to telephone, Jennifer o'Dell 201269 or Bobby Colver 781662



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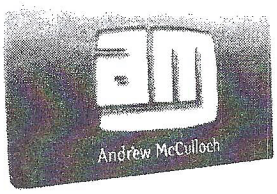

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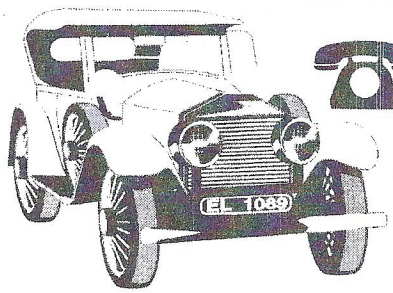

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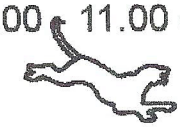

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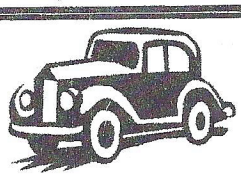

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COMMITTEE

At our March meeting **Paul Prime** informed us of his resignation as Chairman of Bar Hill Colts. We would very much like to thank Paul for all that he has done for the Colts over many years, and wish him all the best for the future. Paul started with the Colts when he formed our 'Demons' team (now our Under 16's). Paul now runs the Adult Football Team, which has gone from strength to strength since his involvement. As always if you need help or assistance please feel free to contact any of us.

POSITION	PERSON	TEL
Chair:	T.B.A.	
Vice Chair:	Kevin Hard	01223-234792
General Secretary:	Paul Neal	205076
Colts League Fixtures	Sarah Phillips	270227
Mini League Fixtures	Gail Pridgeon	203229
Treasurer:	Jairo Marin	781838
Entertainments:	Jeanette Barber	781533
	Michelle Davies	201246
	Rob Humphreys	781583
Publicity: *Web*	Kevin Salaman	201701
BHN	Barry Dean	205670
Parents Rep:	Gail Pridgeon	203229
Girls Football:	Ruth Pimentel	782253
Child Protection:	Nigel Barber	781533
Facilities Mngr.	Paul Thorby	781527
Bookings	Lisa Francis	201160

BAR HILL F.C.

We run three teams. The 1st team play in the senior division of the Sunday League, whilst the Reserves play in Division 2. The 3rd team play in the Tucker Gardner Alliance League.

Bar Hill F.C.		
Adult	Paul Prime	203175
Adult	John Houston	200951

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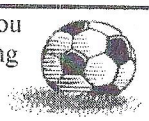
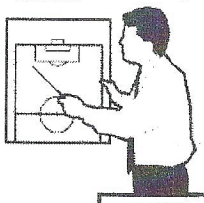


MANAGERS

Our regular list of Managers has been updated, with all the latest details. If you are interested in joining one of the teams, or if you want to find out more, please do give any of us a call at any time.



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U8	Rob Humphreys	781583
U9	Darryn Cook	203576
U10	Dave Moore	789056
U10 Girls	Vicky Neal	205076
U11	Kevin Salaman	201701
U12	Mark Hart	200314
U13	Jairo Marin	781838
U13 Girls	Ruth Pimentel	782253
U14	Adam Dean & Maureen Dean	205670
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U16	Mark Honeywood	01480 830133

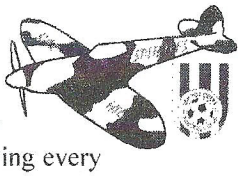
QUIZ ANSWERS

This month it's time to give the grey matter a rest, but thought you might like the answers to our February quiz. If you recall I asked three questions, as follows: **1.** What were the names of the three teams organised by our current Manager of the year Paul Douglas, **2.** Name the four girls that played in theses teams, and finally, **3.** the names of the very first Bar Hill Mini-League Teams. Well just to put you out of your misery, the teams were Green Giants played in Green & White, Yellow Racers played in all yellow, and the Hornets played in the Red & Yellow stripes. The girls names were Susan Oliver, Chloe Wright, Laura Spaxman, and Emily Carminati, and last of all the three first Mini League Teams were, the Bombers, The Strikers, and The Tornados. I'll let you know winners names (providing they haven't ticked the 'no publicity' box), next time, when I hope to have another quiz for you all to have a go at.

PRESENTATION EVENING!

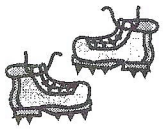
The Presentation date is set for **SATURDAY 13th MAY 2006**. So please make sure you are all free for what promises to be a great evening, where the boys and girls will be proudly collecting their richly deserved awards for all their hard work over the last season. As well as the usual prizegivings, there will be food, a Bar, and lots lots more. ***YOU DARE NOT MISS IT!***

BAR HILL SPITFIRES



This is our new Under 10 Girls Team, which are now getting on well with their training, and improving every day. They are already setting a few records along the way, with their Manager **Vicky Neal** just pipping **Adam Dean**, who runs our Under 14's, for the title of youngest manager ever at Bar Hill Colts. Adam is also helping Coach the girls along with **Linda Ogilvie**, who is primarily responsible for getting this new team underway. Their first friendly is already arranged when they take on their own parents in a special game. Next season the girls will join the league, so watch out for names like '***Kit-Kat***', '***Hay***', '***Izz-Bizz***' etc, who will be appearing for Bar Hill. If there are any other girls aged 8 or 9 who would like to join the team, please do call, so we can let you know about training etc.

BOOT CLUB



I am trying to re-launch the Bar Hill Colts Boot Club. Anyone who has had young children will know, they grow so fast, and rapidly require new shoes and clothes to replace those they have grown out of. With sporting children, this becomes very costly with new boots needed every season (or more often?), and the old boots are hardly worn. So it might help if a co-ordinated boot hire or exchange scheme was available. So if you have any old boots that you don't need anymore, please drop them in to me at 66,Field View. Please only boots that are ***still useable***, but ***any sizes*** will be welcome.

NEW MANAGER

Our Under 6 team is in urgent need of a Manager – If you think you can be the next Jose Mourinho, give us a call

Well, that's all for this month, so until next time..... *Remember, football is just a kick in the grass!*

Please note: The views expressed in this column are not necessarily the views of Bar Hill Colts F.C., or Bar Hill F.C.

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BAR HILL COLTS IS A CHARTER STANDARD CLUB

Nick's Nature Notes

Daffodils

Wherever you go now there's daffodils flowering,
Lively and lovely they bow in the breeze.
They're there in their thousands in parks and gardens,
Long borders and driveways and under the trees.

They've woken up again, full of brightness and beauty,
Sharing the meaning of Easter, you know,
And all of them feeling right happy,
Not caring about the cool breezes that blow.

Lovely they're looking in all of the gardens,
But those by the wayside are favourites for me,
All gold and glowing by the new green hedges,
Next to the road for the travellers to see.

On banks and by ditches you'll find them flowering,
Growing like nature intended them to,
Brightening the way for the people passing,
and maybe lightening their load a bit too.

Nick Richardson
07786 950684

If anyone really loves nature, one can find beauty everywhere. Van Gogh.

Watch the Birdie

at Milton Country Park

If you want to be able to tell apart sparrows from swallows, the new bird watching for beginners' workshop at Milton Country Park is for you.

Local author and bird enthusiast David Chandler will lead four two-hour sessions, two for adults and two for families. Adult workshops will run on Thursday 30 March at 10am and Thursday 8 June at 7pm. Family workshops will run on Saturday 22 April at 10am and Friday 2 June at 10am.

Each workshop is a two-hour introduction to bird watching, covering advice on equipment and basic bird identification. Most of the time will be spent outside in the park, discovering and enjoying wild birds.

Places must be booked in advance and cost £7.00 per adult, £4.00 per child and £18.00 for a family. To book, contact David Chandler on 01223 524013 or email chandlers@ntlworld.com

David Chandler has been watching birds for more than 25 years. He worked for the RSPB and BirdLife International for over 15 years before pursuing a freelance career. He is a regular contributor to 'Bird Watching' magazine and co-author of the 'RSPB Children's Guide to Bird Watching'.

Malcolm Busby, senior ranger at the park said, "Bird watching is a fascinating pastime. Come along to one of David's workshops to learn the basics of bird watching and find out more about the beautiful birds that visit Milton Country

Bar Hill Primary School P.T.A.

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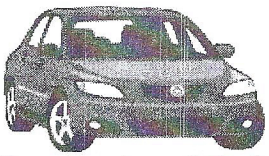

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What's On This Month And Next (See p29 for Church Services)

Apr

Thu 6th	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Library
Sat 8th	From 10am	Annual Litter Picking	Meet at Parish Council Office
Tue 11th	2.00-4.30pm	Family Fun Afternoon	Church
Tue 11th	8.00pm	Residents' Association Meeting	Parish Council Office
Wed 12th	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council Office
Thu 20th	8.00pm	NWR planning	Tel 201269
Fri 21st	7.30pm	Partly Pieces (tel 781502)	Swavesey Village College
Sat 22nd	2.00pm	Women's Art & Craft	Octagon
Sat 22nd	7.30pm	Partly Pieces (tel 781502)	Swavesey Village College
Sat 22nd	10am-4pm	Swavesey Camera Club Exhibition	Swavesey Memorial Hall
Thu 27th	7.00pm	Annual Parish Meeting	Octagon
Thu 27th	7.30pm	David Hyde (Dry Drayton Art Group)	Dry Drayton Primary School
Fri 28th	6.15pm	Disco for Pre-school to Year 2	S.P.A.R.C
Fri 28th	7.30pm	Disco for Years 3 to 6	S.P.A.R.C
Sat 29th	2.30-5.00pm	Pick 'n' mix it	Church
Sat 29th	2.30-5.00pm	Power Pals	Church

May

Thu 4th	8.00pm	NWR talk on Wood Green Animal Shelter	Tel 201269
Wed 10th	8.00pm	Residents' Association Meeting	Parish Council Office
Sat 20th	daytime	Jumble Sale (1st Rainbow Guides)	Church
Sat 20th	7.00pm	Conservatives' Supper	Tel 205265
Fri 26th	6.15pm	Disco for Pre-school to Year 2	S.P.A.R.C
Fri 26th	7.30pm	Disco for Years 3 to 6	S.P.A.R.C

Bin Collection Dates

Collections are on Thursday when there is a bank holiday on the Monday of the week

April

5 Green bin and box
12 Black bin
20 (Thurs) Green bin and box
26 Black bin

May

4 (Thurs) Green bin and box
10 Black bin
17 Green bin and box
24 Black bin

Residents' Association

Meetings

Interested residents are always welcome at our meetings which are now normally held on the second **Wednesday** of the month at the Parish Offices. This, month the meeting is on **Tuesday** 11th because the Parish Council Meeting occurs on the Wednesday this month . The next meeting is planned for 10th May at 8pm.

Fete 2006

This year's Village Fete is to be held on Saturday 1st July on the Village Green. It will start at 2pm and go on into the evening, ending around 10pm. This year there will once again be a large selection of stalls and fundraising events from Village Groups. There will be displays in the Arena, to include; Thai kickboxing, Clowns, and Puppet Shows. On the stage there will be singing, Magic show and in the evening Live Bands. If you have any ideas or would like to be involved, either as an individual or as a group please contact Bunty on 01954 201421 or Kirsten on 01954 200228.

Avian Influenza Surveillance

Who to contact if you should find any dead birds

Until further notice, cases of dead wild birds previously reported to the police should be referred to the Defra Helpline on 08459 33 55 77 (calls out-of-hours are being dealt with by the State Veterinary Service. For Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire this will be the Bury St Edmunds office on 01284 778150).

The Defra website defines a significant find to be:

One or more dead swans/wild fowl (ducks and geese), more than three dead birds of the same species in the same place or more than five dead birds of different species in the same place (excluding obvious road deaths).

Further information from:
www.defra.gov.uk

Crossword Just for fun.

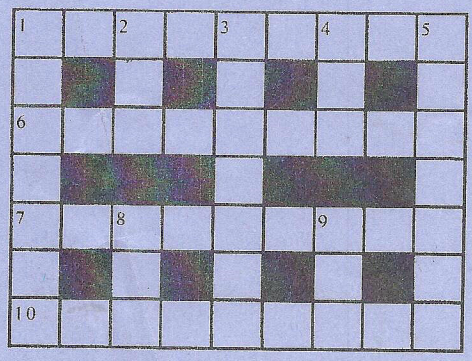
Answers next issue.

Across

1. Architect of Wimpole Farm (4,5)
6. Spring flower
7. Lacking empathy
10. Why vessels are called she?

Down

1. Another spring flower
2. Ben?
3. Web producers
4. Beast of burden
5. Flags
8. Sated
9. Here in France



March Crossword Solution

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Church Services

Sun 9th	8.00 am	Holy Communion	Preacher: David Hardiman
	10.00 am	Morning Worship	Leaders: Rev Barry Vendy & Mrs Pam Vendy
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Leader: Mr Bob Chappell
Thurs 13th	**8.00 pm**	**Holy Communion & Foot Washing**	**Preacher: Rev Trisha Duffet-Smith**
Fri 14th	**10.00 am**	**Good Friday Reflections**	**Leader: Mr Bob Chappell**
Sun 16th	**6.00 am**	**Easter Day Dawn Service**	**Leader: Mrs Di Gunton**
	10.00 am	**Easter Family Communion**	**Preacher: Rev John Proctor**
	6.30 pm	**No Evening Service**	
Sun 23rd	10.00 am	Family Service	Preacher: Mr Steve Whyatt
	6.30 pm	Evening Worship & Holy Communion	Preacher: Rev Barry Vendy
Wed 26th	10.00 am	Mid-Week Communion	Preacher: Rev Roger Williams
Sun 30th	10.00 am	Morning Worship & Family Communion	Preacher: Mrs Kate Aylmer
	6.30 pm	Evening Worship	Leader: Mrs Alison Hudson

Priorities for the Coming Year

At March's annual church meeting, the Church Council presented a report on the past year, and looking forward to the coming year. Drawing on the out come of meetings that took place in the middle of last year (including September's church meetings), the Council proposed the following priorities for this year:

- We are concerned that the church should continue to have a good representation of young people and young families.
- We want to understand better and adapt to the spiritual needs of the wider community, in ways that may not fit the traditional pattern of Sunday worship.
- We want to do better at caring for those whose commitment wavers and whose attendance tails off.
- We want to raise expectations about the scale of financial giving that God calls us to.
- We want to fulfil our responsibility to be continually developing gifts, which involves more work and an element of risk, rather than always turning to those who are already experienced.
- We want to encourage one another to commit the future of this church to prayer, particularly in the next few weeks as the second round of the appointment process proceeds.

People to contact:

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Church Council	Richard Lewney	Tel: 01954 204433
Church Council	Malcolm Cox	Tel: 01954 200268
Church Council	Claire Ford	Tel: 01954 780964
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Church Council	Anne Tanner	Tel: 01954 200957
Moderator	Rev. John Proctor	Tel: 01223 741092

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Local contact:	Bunty Waters	**201421**

Mass at Bar Hill Church Centre

Masses in the Parish Church in Cambridge

For times of Easter services please see the weekly bulletin (available from Bar Hill Church) or ask Bunty, 201421

Saturdays: 6pm First Mass of Sunday

Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri: 8am & 12.15 pm

Tue: 8am & 7.30 pm

Saturdays: 6pm First Mass of Sundays also 5pm at The Ark, Cambourne and 6pm at Bar Hill Church Centre

Holydays of Obligation: 8 am, 10 am, 7.30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tue. 6.45 pm (not after Mass)

Sat: 10.30 - 11.15 am, 4.30 - 5.15 pm, 7.00 - 7.45 pm

Details of other services are published in the weekly newsletter which is available at the 6 pm Mass each Saturday - copies are available in the Church Centre.